

Adath Yesnurun Synagogue Dedicated.

On Sunday afternoon Congregation Adath Yesnurun dedicated its handsome new synagogue. It was a pleasant afternoon, and the attendance speaks the interest of the members in congregational affairs. They are most enthusiastic. Rev. Dr. Wilner presided, being assisted by Rev. Dr. Barnstein of Temple Beth Israel and the officers and trustees of Adath Yesnurun Congregation. The ceremonies opened with a song, following which entered a procession consisting of Rabbis Wilner and Barnstein, Cantor Leibermar and Harwitz, with a choir of small boys, and then the bearers of the Torah—P. S. Nussbaum, J. Cohen, A. Roberts, P. Susholz, H. Rosenberg and A. Block; the officers of the congregation, President D. Frosch, Vice President P. Weinberg, Secretary M. T. Karkoski, Treasurer P. Battelstein and Trustees H. Grossman, B. H. Greenberg, S. J. Westheimer, A. Gordon, I. Selne, A. M. Levy, M. Scher and M. D. Cohen.

The prayer of invocation was offered by Rabbi Wilner.

The building committee, represented by B. H. Greenberg, its chairman, formally presented its report accepting the building from the builders and turning over the keys to the congregation. Mr. Greenberg said it had been characterized as a hazardous undertaking for the congregation, and when he accepted his post on the committee charged to superintend the building of the new synagogue, many had prophesied failure. "But here we are in this beautiful place today, it is completed and ready, with all of its handsome appointments, for the services of the approaching holidays. I can truly say 'I am happy.'"

Mr. Greenberg's little daughter, Regina, bore on a white satin cushion the great key to the house, and at the conclusion of the committee chairman's speech, this was formally presented. President D. Frosch accepted the key on behalf of the congregation. His address gives much historical information of the founding and growth of the Orthodox congregation in Houston, and was one of the most interesting discourses of the occasion.

The ceremony of lighting the perpetual light followed. Mr. M. Massinger was accorded this honor. Then Dr. Barnstein read a passage from the Scriptures. Dr. Wilner delivered the dedicatory sermon.

In his introductory he felicitated the people on their entrance into so splendid a temple, and called upon them to rejoice and be glad as another house of worship was about to be consecrated to the service and worship of Almighty God. "As we rejoice on this day, as

we are glad and give thanks, we should have also serious thoughts and deep meditations on the significance of this event. For not unto this day alone has this temple been erected; not merely for our service and religious benefit, but for time and for futurity. Not only for ourselves, but for our children and their children, unto many generations.

"Those statutes and ordinances of our faith, given to our fathers of old as they met Jehovah at Sinai, those laws and commandments that have fostered virtue and righteousness and holy living, these shall be taught here, these shall be taught to us and to our children. And so long as we shall follow them, we shall do good, and not only to ourselves but unto others.

"The influence that Israel has ex-



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erted on the world is marked on these three and one-half millenniums. As long as yet there lives one person who believes in more Gods than one, as long as one exists who does not strive after and sincerely long for virtue and honesty and purity, so long is there a mission for Israel, and so long will it serve the peoples of the earth."

The doctor discussed the three ideas of the synagogue as held by the three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Abraham considered the temple as a "mount" upon which the worship was exalted and drawn high above the other people; Isaac considered it a place to resort to in trouble, when prayer and supplication was necessary; Jacob called it a "house," the dwelling place of God, where he met His people. It was this last idea, the speaker said, that is the right idea.

"The synagogue is a house where you may come at all times and find brother worshipping with brother, and

Jew worshipping with fellow Jew; and man worshipping with fellow man. All the people of the world shall at last stream to the house of the Lord and come to Jacob's God, to the God who considers every man His son.

"This house we built not alone to the service of God, but to the service of man. He serves God best who three goldberg Jewish review cabler serves man most. We dedicate to the service of Judaism, to the higher life this building. We resolve as we enter it, to live that life which our divine faith hath taught us, to be Jews, to be men."

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS.

Following this the congratulations of the Jewish Literary Society were offered to the congregation in an address by Joe Weingarten, and in a beautiful framed document which he presented, resolutions passed at a meeting of the society held August 25. The resolutions were inscribed in attractive lettering, and read as follows: "Whereas, in the near future Congregation Adath Yesnurun will dedicate its new synagogue to the worship of the God of our fathers and instruction in our holy faith, and

"Whereas, the Jewish Literary Society, in its efforts to keep up a high standard of life, intellectually and socially, among our people, should take cognizance of all that tends to the religious education and union of our co-religionists; therefore be it

"Resolved, That our congratulations are due and are hereby extended to Congregation Adath Yesnurun on this auspicious occasion. We rejoice with them on their entrance into their beautiful new synagogue and pray that the light of Judaism there kindled be diffused to all hearts. May the congregation go 'from strength to strength' and a power for good in our community.

"Resolved, That this preamble and resolution be spread on our minutes and an engrossed copy be presented to the congregation.

"S. J. Westheimer,
President,

"J. Lewis Aroenson,
Secretary,

"Jules Hirsch,

"H. J. Dannenbaum,

"I. Tiras,

"J. Weingarten,

"Committee."

President Frosch received the tribute and made a brief speech in response.

Dr. Barnstein made his address very short. He attempted to do no more than to congratulate the people on their splendid accomplishment. "It is a great pleasure and a proud privilege to be with you this afternoon when you are dedicating this beautiful house to the worship of God," he said. He congratulated the congregation, both on behalf of Beth Israel Congregation and on his own account, and assured them that they could count his hearty

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